company) to these mills and interest thereon as well as the amount of VRS already paid to the workers who had accepted voluntary retirement and to discharge the liabilities towards arrears of statutory dues of the workers.

None of the State Governments have responded positively to the proposal so far.

Market for Cotton Procurement in A.P.

5634. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a cotton procurement market for buying cotton at Jadcheralla in Mahaboob Nagar district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in processing; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons for shelving the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) There was proposal, in December, 1998, from Shri Ravi Mal'u, Member of Parliamenffor establishment of purchase centre of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) at Jadcheralla in Mahaboob Nagar District of Andhra Pradesh and he was informed that the market yard at Jadcheralla was functioning two days a week and that the representative of CCI remain present at the time of auction at the market yard. At present, the CCI is operating at Jadcheralla (Badepalli market yard) as "satellite centre" to its Shadnagar centre.

Purchase of Hindi Typewriters

†5635. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.